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A little more of this thing and it will be suggested that our ex-senator was opposed to the flood and the passage of the Red Sea.

Do not be alarmed at the recent so-called withdrawals from the democratic party. We are only house cleaning. Nothing useful will be discarded.

It is expected that Judge Pace, Wiley Rector, King Morris and Brownlow Jackson will be the next to announce that they have quit the democratic party and will hereafter vote the republican ticket.

Do our retiring brethren mean that they will vote for the court house family this fall? or are the republicans in the county expecting to put out candidates this year? When they say that they will hereafter affiliate with the republican party, we are left in the dark as to their proposed course of conduct towards our family of cousins.

C. E. Brooks sized up the political situation in Henderson pretty well in Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer. No, the democrats are not alarmed. On the other hand, the "weeding-out process" is a hopeful sign and when all "who have not been what they seemed" are gone the party will be in better condition than ever before.

We are pleased to know that our esteemed friend M. C. Redden reads both THE HUSTLER and Charlotte Observer, although he is not a subscriber to either. The Observer is perhaps a luxury furnished by his private secretary, Honorable Charles French Toms, but as Charlie is not a subscriber to this newspaper we are at a loss to know who is "lending" Mr. Redden THE HUSTLER.

We learn with much surprise that Dr. Levi Jones and J. H. Stepp have transferred their allegiance to the republican party. This announcement is the first intimation we ever had that they had ever claimed to be anything else than republicans. We are glad that they have had the privilege, even though for a brief space of time, of knowing what it means to belong to the party that has made North Carolina a great state, that built and developed our country and made her respected over all the world. This brief sojourn will do them good and not evil all the remaining days of their lives.

This fall Judge Pace will run for clerk again, J. S. Rhodes for sheriff and Mr. King, now training in the register's office, for register of deeds. This much of the ticket is fixed already. We have no objection to their running. But we are interested as to what course the republican party will take. You know these men and the other members of the cousin's family do not claim to belong to the republican party in the county, but on the contrary, that that party belongs to them. It will be interesting to note whether the so-called converts will join the republican party or whether they will be permitted to enter the office-holding family.

We have read with some interest the somewhat lengthy letter published in the Times last week signed by Mr. M. C. Redden and purporting to have been written by him. We are sorry to see our aged friend's name used and abused in this way. So far as we know, he has been a good citizen, and deserves better than this at the hands of his younger friends. Mr. Redden neither wrote this letter nor does he endorse a sentence in it. The gallant Judge Ship, under whom Mr. Redden served in the Confederate army, no doubt, looks down with pity upon the aged citizen, and would, if here, resent the abuse of others of the old man's confidence. Our ex-senator seems driven to desperate straits to justify himself in the violence recently inflicted by him upon his conscience and sense of self respect.

THE HUSTLER has been as charitable as possible under the circumstances, to Charles French Toms in his ridiculous and unseemly conduct, betraying a constituency who had favored him with a

sacred trust. Our conscientious opinion of such an individual as that would not look well in print. His action is a reflection on every loyal supporter in the convention which honored him and upon every democrat who supported him in the general election. He ought to be ashamed to "look a single one of them in the face." Even republicans, of principle, are doubtless suspicious of the actions and intentions of such an acquisition to their ranks.

Rev. J. J. Justice, of Blue Ridge, says he "has read with pleasure" Charlie's letter and will go to the radicals with him. Another case of mistaken identity. Mr. Justice has voted democratic tickets and republican tickets for several years, but if he ever voted the straight ticket of either party, with any regularity, the Lord only has been able to find it out. Mr. Justice ought to be glad of the fact that he can now vote for Charlie (if another opportunity should present itself) without surrendering former ideas; the new born babe (?) having been found under his guiding star, which precludes the necessity for a journey to find him. We give a hearty good bye to all such democrats as Mr. Justice has been. Trot out another one, Charlie, you write such interesting letters, any way.

Bear Wallow.

We are glad to know that W. T. Crawford is in the field for congress again. Our section is for Crawford first, last, and all the time.

G. W. Conner has found a corundum mine. Experts from New York pronounce it very fine.

J. M. Michael, of Hendersonville, is in this section. He has a fine orchard on his farm and is making considerable improvements on same.

The freeze did considerable damage last Tuesday in this section to tender vegetables. I am glad to state that the fruit crop is all right yet.

Bayle Dates and Jay Freeman have gone to Old Fort to spend the summer.

J. V. Grant visited Middle Fork last Sunday evening.

Farm work is well advanced and planting corn is a thing of the past.

ALERT.

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SENATOR C. F. TOMS' APOSTASY

The Radicals Put Him up for Office, "Good Bye Charlie."

The Honorable Charles French Toms, of Henderson county, one of the senators from this district, has joined the republican party, and sent a letter to the governor advertising his fall, and assigning his reasons for making his descent into the republican camp.

Any man has a right to change his politics, and we shall not censure him for it, but how any sane man can join the republican party for the reasons assigned by Mr. Toms is passed all understanding. He would better have gone over into the camp of the Philistines without blowing a horn from the housetop, unless he could furnish at least one valid reason. However, Mr. Toms has a reason, and one that satisfies him fully, but it is not among the ones he published. If we have been informed correctly the hope of getting the republican nomination for congress in the tenth district was the propelling power which drove him to decide for republicanism.

Personally, we are for the ex-senator for the republican nomination for congress in the mountain district. We don't know anybody who would take defeat any more gracefully, and probably no one whom the democrats could defeat more easily.

It has been suggested that the democratic press would abuse Mr. Toms for making this somersault. We shall not. We can only pity him. He gave promise of doing better. We had hoped that he would outlive his little irregularities such as joining hands with the republicans in the town elections in his home town and fighting the democratic ticket, as he did a few years ago, but it seemed that sending him to the senate turned his head. We fear for him. The Good Book speaks of the greater condemnation which shall be visited upon those who have once seen the light and been in the way, and who voluntarily turn aside and prefer darkness rather than light.

We trust that Mr. Toms may so live that when he passes hence he will be one of the ELECT—gathered with his former democratic associates in Abraham's bosom—for we feel sure that he will never again be elected to anything in this world!—Charlotte Star.

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The Nashville American Puts the Majority for Taylor in Democrat Primaries at from Fifteen to Twenty Thousand.

Nashville, Tenn., May 12.—The Nashville American will say tomorrow that former Governor Robert L. Taylor has been nominated in the democratic primaries for United States senator over Edward W. Carmack, present incumbent, by a majority of from 15,000 to 20,000 votes. The legislature which meets in January next will elect Taylor to the senate, his term beginning the following March. Carmack retires after having served one term in the senate, before which he was a member of the house from the Tenth Tennessee district. His home is in Memphis.

Today's balloting marked the close of a long-drawn out campaign, which has aroused more bitterness and general interest in the state than any other political struggle since that in which Andrew Johnson was elected to the senate shortly after the close of the Civil War.

Robert Love Taylor was born at Happy Valley, Carter county, Tennessee, July 31, 1850. He was elected to congress where he served from 1879 to 1886, after a picturesque campaign in which his brother, Alfred A. Taylor, was his opponent. Re-elected to the governorship, he served until 1891. In 1897 he was once more called to the governorship, retiring in 1899.

Resolutions.

The following are resolutions passed by the trustees of Sylva Collegiate Institute concerning Prof. Shipman, declined to serve longer, on account of completing his education.

Whereas, Prof. Shipman has served the Sylva Collegiate Institute as teacher for the past year most efficiently and faithfully, proving himself competent both as instructor and disciplinarian, having wielded a wholesome influence in social and church circles, but having decided not to continue longer in educational work at present.

Resolved 1st, That we, the Trustees of the above named institution, hereby express our appreciation of his services, and commend him heartily and without reserve to any board of trustees.

Second, That we express our appreciation of his work along moral and religious lines, and commend him to any community as an earnest, Christian worker, an interesting public speaker, and a man of unimpeachable moral integrity.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to him.

R. F. JARRETS, Ch'm.
T. C. BRYSON, Sec.

Blackburn Wants to Know.

"Washington, May 10th, 1906.

"Mr. Thomas S. Rollins, Asheville, N. C.: "Dear Sir—Referring to your favor of recent date, I beg to ask when you think you will call the state committee together? If you cannot discuss the question of the time of state convention, my idea in writing you in my former communication was to inquire when you would call the committee together that they might discuss the question of the meeting of the state convention.

I hope you will do me the kindness to write me immediately advising me when you will call the state committee (of which I have the honor to be a member) together, that it (the committee) may discuss the question of calling the state convention. It strikes me that the members of the committee from every section of the state would be able to give us such suggestions and information as to the conditions existing in their respective communities as will greatly aid us in accomplishing results in the coming campaign, and the sooner these views can be had and a line of action settled upon, the more satisfactory, it seems to me, will be the results.

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ABOUT THE WANDERING TOMS

Mr. Brooks Says Reports are Exaggerated—Republican Methods of Boosting Radical Papers.

(News and Observer.)

Mr. C. E. Brooks, a prominent democrat of Hendersonville and tax collector for Henderson county, spent yesterday in Raleigh. Mr. Brooks was returning from the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, recently held in Goldsboro, and took advantage of the opportunity to stop over and "take in" the numerous attractions of the capital city for the first time. He visited all the departments (being presented to the state officers), the State Museum, Pullen's Park, the penitentiary and pulled himself up the many flights of stairs to the dome of the capitol, from which observatory a splendid view of the city was afforded.

Before leaving town Mr. Brooks called to pay his respects to the News and Observer, of which he is an appreciative reader of long standing.

"What is the trouble with Mr. Toms and the other democrats in your county who have recently gone over to the republican party?" asked a reporter.

"Not a thing in the world," answered Mr. Brooks, "except the hope of reward prompted Mr. Toms to take the action he has and it is believed that he writes all these letters for the other disgruntled fellows, thinking to boost himself with republican leaders. I do not give this as my individual opinion, but it is practically the universal sentiment expressed among our people, since Mr. Toms announced his withdrawal from the democratic party. He seeks to make believe that his action has wrought a great change of political sentiment in Henderson county, by parading before the public letters from some of whom he calls prominent democrats, and having them printed in republican newspapers. The fact is these men whom he is pleased to call democrats, three-fourths of them at least, have not been with us for some years.

"J. N. Russell, the first to follow Toms, worked for Major Moody, against Mr. Gudgeon, for congress, four years ago, and two years ago conferred with some of the republican leaders to ascertain if they would nominate him for sheriff. True, the democrats afterwards nominated him for this office in the hope of reclaiming the gentleman but were unable to elect him and the scheme has failed. He wants office and is willing to accept it from any party. He has been the candidate of the democratic party for sheriff only one time, instead of three, as stated in the letter, bearing his signature, announcing his recent change, but he contested for this office as an independent candidate two or three times before the democrats finally took him up.

"Stapp and Burge, whom Mr. Toms offers the republicans as leading democrats are unknown outside of their immediate neighborhoods and take no interest in public affairs. They are Toms' discoveries, and our loss of them is giving us absolutely no concern. One of these men is quite young and the son of a recent convert to democratic principles, so that he has had little opportunity to convince himself of the righteousness of the party he pretends now to repudiate.

"But about the most ridiculous claim and amusing communication Mr. Toms has prepared for the republican press, appeared in the Industrial News on Wednesday, purporting to have been written by Mr. M. C. Redden, who says, too, that he has left us and will carry his sons, sons-in-laws and grandsons with him. It is the common knowledge of both democrats and republicans in Hendersonville, that Mr. Redden has not been with us since the Moody-Guger campaign in 1902, during which Mr. Redden made a bargain with Moody (in a back alley in the town of Hendersonville) to support him, in lieu of promised assistance, upon the part of Major Moody, in trying to secure the pardon of a son of Mr. Redden, who was serving a term in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Since that time Redden has not affiliated with the democratic party in any campaign. Only one of Mr. Redden's sons has supported our ticket at the last two elections and this one is not likely to be shaken by his father's apostasy. Another of the Redden boys became offended because the party, 4 years ago did not conform to his wishes in the selection of a candidate for sheriff and went over to the radicals, bag and baggage, at the next election. The fact is, of the whole outlay reported to have deserted our ranks, the party will lose less than five votes. Several of them, as before stated, have been out of the fold for some time and a majority of the remaining ones failed to qualify themselves by the payment of poll-tax this year.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Brooks said: "The democratic vote in Henderson county will show an increase this year over the result in 1904. The party is not disturbed and the vacuum Mr. Toms supposes he has created in our ranks will not be visible when the votes are counted in November. Real democrats are more disgusted than concerned or excited at his sickening conduct, and are expressing no regrets on account of his grand-stand play to the galleries. Just watch Henderson in November."

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